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SUBJECT: INTERIN REPORT ON WAMBOANGA TALKS WITH PHILIPPINE
MUSLIM "REBELS"

1. ACCORDING MANILA PRESS "DIALOGUE" BETWEEN GOP AND MUSLIM
"REBELS" IN ZAMBOANGA WHICH COMMENCED APR 17 HAS BEEN HIGHLY
SATISFACTORY FROM GOP POINT OF VIEW. PRESS HAS MADE IT CLEAR
THAT "REBELS" IN ATTENDANCE INCLUDE ONLY A HANDFUL OF PROFESSED
SELF ADHERENTS AND NONE BELONGING TO "MISUARE FACTION". ACCORD-
ING GOP AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA PANGANDAMAN (WHO HAS BEEN
HEADING ALL-MUSLIM GOVERNMENT PANEL) "REBELS" HAVE REJECTED
SECESSION, DENOUNCED MISUARI AS CRIMINAL EXILE LIVING IN
LUXURY, ESCHEWED DESIRE FOR SEPARATE MUSLIM STATE, AND
FOCUSSED DEMANDS ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REFORM. SIDE EVENTS
HAVE INCLUDED SURRENDER OF 1,000 ALLEGED DISSIDENTS (WHOSE "RETURN
TO THE FOLD" ACTUALLY ARRANGED WEEKS IF NOT MONTHS AGO.)
ACCORDING PRESS, DIALOGUE MAY END TODAY (APR 19) FOLLOWING
WHICH PANGANDAMAN WILL PRESENT COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE
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DISCUSSIONS. ACCORDING ONE PAPER "MASS RALLIES" AGAINST MISAURI

WILL BE HELD IN DAVAO AND SURIGAO (BOTH IN MINDANAO) ON APR 21.
COMMENT: THUS FAR ELABORATELY STAGED "DIALOGUE" HAS PROCEEDED
AS EXPECTED. LARGER QUESTION OF WHETHER GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO
PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH REAL REBELS, AT JIDDA OR UNDER OTHER
AUSPICES, REMAINS UNANSWERED. ACTIVE INSURGENTS HAVE UP TO NOW
APPARENTLY FAILED TO STAGE SIGNIFICANT SHOW OF FORCE CO-
INCIDENT WITH ZAMBOANGA TALKS. THEY MAY BE KEEPING POWDER DRY
FOR EFFORTS TIMED TO INFLUENCE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS
MEETING IN MAY.
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